

FY 2020-21 Budget Amendment Form

Budget Amendment

ALTER #2: Supporting EMS during COVID-19 and Beyond

Strategic Outcome Alignment

Public Safety / Health & Environment

Lead Sponsor

CM Alter

Cosponsors (optional)

Ellis, Harper-Madison, Pool, and Tovo

Amount and Source of Funding

Ongoing	One-Time	FTEs	Source of Funds
\$1,446,350	\$954,376	24.00	General Fund
\$281,202	\$28,000	8.00	General Fund
\$282,796	\$14,000	4.00	General Fund
\$452,969	\$265,930	5.00	General Fund
\$320,564	\$7,500	5.00	General Fund

Additional Information

The above amounts denote the following investments, in the order listed on the chart: (2) 24-hour ambulances and associated FTEs; Consult Line & 8 Clinical Specialists; 4 Communications Clinical Specialists; 5 Commanders & equipment; and 5 administrative support FTEs.

In order to support our medical first responders during COVID-19 and through the coming years, we must invest in purchasing ambulances and associated equipment (as well as associated FTEs), staff up our Paramedic Consult Line, increase the number of Communications Specialists, and add commander FTEs to ensure adequate supervision of the broader EMS system. We must also add administrative staff to support these enhanced efforts. At a minimum, the above investments are necessary to support our EMS workers as they battle the pandemic and seek to meet growing needs in Austin.

Please see the attached memo for further details.